

The City of Tacoma's 20th Annual Fair Housing Conference
Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center
Thursday, April 13, 2006

The Winds of Change

What are the latest developments in fair housing? Come to this year's conference where you can learn about current activities in a number of areas, ranging from the basics (Fair Housing 101) to topics of special interest.

Expert Presenters

We're delighted that this year's conference will feature several experts from both inside and outside the State of Washington. Our guest speaker, attorney Melvin Jenkins, is a former Regional Director and Acting Staff Director for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and currently serves as an instructor at HUD's new Fair Housing Academy.

This year for the first time we have scheduled a session on Fair Housing and Independent Living for Older People. Nancy Kenyon, Executive Director of Fair Housing of Marin in San Rafael CA, will present the results of their

award-winning landmark survey of discriminatory patterns in residential care facilities. As the American population ages, we all need to be informed about the application of the fair housing laws to housing for older people.

Our session on Fair Housing and Domestic Violence will be lead by attorney Ellen Johnson, of Legal Aid Services of Oregon (Alvera case), and Susan Adams, the Director of the new Crystal Judson Family Justice Center in Tacoma. These two experts will update all of us on the latest fair housing case law in this area.

The Fair Housing for People with Mental Disabilities track will feature Roxanne Vierra of the King County Office of Civil Rights and attorney David Carlson of Washington Protection and Advocacy. Both of these individuals have extensive experience in addressing issues related to people with mental disabilities under fair housing laws.

Want to learn about fair housing testing? Come hear V. Omar Barraza and ChiQuata Elder share the history and purpose of fair housing testing and the results of testing evidence.

Finally we're delighted to report that one of Tacoma's favorite fair housing experts, Pegge Michal McGuire, has agreed to present the opening session of Fair Housing 101 – Back To Basics. If you've been missing Pegge's wit and insight since she left the City of Tacoma to become Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Oregon, you'll want to sign up for this session.

Bring Your Whole Crew!

This year's program is specifically designed to provide valuable training and resources to the folks who have the most frequent contact with applicants and/or tenants. The Fair Housing 101 track, the track on fair housing for people with mental disabilities and "hot topics" such as testing and domestic violence are especially appropriate for leasing agents, on-site managers and maintenance personnel. ***We strongly recommend that these individuals attend the conference.*** In addition, we are extending a special invitation to folks who operate adult family homes, nursing homes and/or assisted or independent living facilities for seniors, plus elder services providers and ombudsmen.

Once again attendees will enjoy the beautiful facilities at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center and a delicious luncheon. Everyone will take home valuable fair housing resource materials, including a brand new guidebook, "Disability Access Resources for Housing Providers," prepared by the Fair Housing Partners of Washington State and made available through the King County Office of Civil Rights.

Whether you're a regular participant or a first-time attendee, don't wait to register, as seating is limited. For more information call Tacoma Human Rights & Human Services at (253) 591-5151.

Time	A	B	C
8:30-9:00	Registration		
9:00-9:15	Welcoming Remarks		
9:15-10:15	Guest Speaker – Melvin Jenkins		
10:15-10:30	BREAK		
10:30-11:30	Fair Housing 101 Back to Basics!	Hot Topic # 1 Fair Housing Testing	Fair Housing for People with Mental Disabilities
11:30-1:00	Lunch		
1:00-2:00	Fair Housing 101 Back to Basics!	Hot Topic # 2 Fair Housing and Independent Living for Older People	Fair Housing for People with Mental Disabilities
2:00-2:15	BREAK		
2:15-3:15	Fair Housing 101 Back to Basics!	Hot Topic # 3 Fair Housing and Domestic Violence	Fair Housing for People with Mental Disabilities
3:15-3:45	Closing Activities		

City of Tacoma Human Rights and Human Services 20th Annual Fair Housing Conference "The Winds of Change in Fair Housing" April 13, 2006

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Will you need an accommodation for a disability?

☐ Interpreter ☐ ASL Interpreter ☐ Other _____

The Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center is located at 1500 Broadway, Tacoma, Washington 98402. For directions call (253) 830-6601.

Please circle the classes you wish to attend:

Session	Time	Class	Class	Class
Session 1	10:30-11:30	A	B	C
Session 2	1:00-2:00	A	B	C
Session 3	2:15-3:15	A	B	C

Make checks payable to:

City Treasurer for \$85 if registering prior to April 1, 2006.

Registration fee includes fair housing materials and luncheon.

After April 1, 2006, and at the door, \$95

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